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SUBJ: SEKOU TOURE VISITS GHANA

1. PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE OF GUINEA STOPPED IN ACCRA FOR FIVE HOURS ON JUNE 8 EN ROUTE BACK TO CONAKRY AFTER HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO LOME. HE GOT FULL VIP TREATMENT HERE AND GOOD PRESS COVERAGE, BUT NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE SEEMS TO HAVE EMERGED FROM VISIT. NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED. SUBJECTS COVERED IN HIS PRE-LUNCH CHAT WITH HEAD OF STATE GEN. I.K. ACHEAMPONG WERE NOT DISCLOSED.

2. PRESS WELCOMED TOURE, POINTING OUT THAT HIS LAST VISIT TO GHANA WAS IN 1965 TO ATTEND OAU CONFERENCE AND THAT HIS PRESENT TRIP HAS STRENGTHENED GHANA-GUINEA SOLIDARITY. AT LUNCH, ACHEAMPONG EMPHASIZED NEED FOR STRONGER TIES AMONG WEST AFRICAN STATES AND RECALLED ROLE PLAYED BY GHANA-GUINEA UNION IN BRINGING AFRICAN COUNTRIES TOGETHER IN THE 1960'S. IN REPLY, TOURE HAILED GHANA FOR SETTING THE PACE FOR AFRICAN EMANCIPATION AND PAID GLOWING TRIBUTE TO KWAME NPIMAH, GHANA'S FIRST PRESIDENT. (TOURE TOOK NKRUMAH IN WHEN THE LATTER WAS OVERTHROWN BY A COUP IN 1966.) BOTH COUNTRIES REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO WORK TOGETHER FOR AFRICAN UNITY.

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3. COMMENT: GHANA'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH GUINEA ARE NOW VESTIGIAL. TOURE WAS WELL-RECEIVED HERE BUT WE DOUBT HIS VISIT WILL RESULT IN CLOSER SUBSTANTIVE TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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